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1. ACCORDING TO LOCAL TRADE CONTACTS PATTERN OF APPLE IMPORTS

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THIS YEAR HAS BEEN ABOUT THE SAME AS IN PREVIOUS YEARS. THERE-

FORE THEY DO NOT BELIEVE THE EC SUBSIDIES ON FRENCH (ONLY EC SUPPLIER OF APPLES TO VENEZUELA) APPLES HAS SIGNIFICANTLY INTERFERRED WITH IMPORTS OF US APPLES. (IN FACT, QUANTITY OF FRENCH APPLES IMPORTED IN CURRENT SEASON IS SLIGHTLY BELOW THAT ENTERED LAST SEASON.

2. CURRENT LOCAL CIF PRICES (IN US DOLLARS PER CARTON) FOR APPLES OF VARIOUS ORIGINS ARE AS FOLLOWS: U.S.-11.00; FRANCE - 9.00; HUNGARY - 8.50.

3. THE LOWER FRENCH (AND HUNGARIAN) PRICE DID ALLOW LOCAL MERCHANTS TO SELL THESE APPLES DURING CURRENT HOLIDAY SEASON (THRU JAN. 15) WHEN RETAIL PRICE OF APPLES IS FIXED BY GOVERNMENT AT BS. 4.25 PER KILOGRAM (APPROXIMATELY US \$0.45 PER POUND). LOCAL TRADE GENERALLY HOLDING BACK US APPLES TILL AFTER JAN. 15.
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